

July 28, 2020

APPROVED on 8/11/2020

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Menominee and the State of Michigan were held in Courtroom B, Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan. In addition, public participation was allowed through Cisco Webex Meetings.

Chairman Piche called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A call of the roll indicated that the following Commissioners were present/absent:

Present: Commissioners: William Cech, Steven Gromala, Jan Hafeman, Bernie Lang, Larry Phelps (phone), Gerald Piche, David Prestin and Larry Schei.

Absent: Commissioners: Larry Johnson Jr. (excused).

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020 Regular County Board Meeting. Motion was approved by roll call 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Presentations:

- Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director ~ CUPPAD.

Department Head/Elected Officials Reports:

- Barb Parrett, County Treasurer – Gave an update from her office.
- Marc Kleiman, County Clerk/Register – Gave an update on the upcoming Primary Election on August 4, 2020.
- Jason Carviou, County Administrator – Gave Administrator’s Report with updates and announcements.
- Frank Egeler from Senator Ed McBroom’s Office – Gave an update from the Senator’s office.

Action Items:

Moved by Com. Gromala, seconded by Com. Hafeman to approve Resolution 2020-22 ~ Retirement of Corrections Officer, David Lescelius. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0. (Attachment A)

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Cech to approve Resolution 2020-23 ~ Retirement of Corrections Officer, James LaRoche. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0. (Attachment B)

Moved by Com. Cech, seconded by Com. Lang to approve new land lease agreements with North Shetter and Chad Ermis resulting from a hanger swap between the parties as recommended by the Airport Committee. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve Commissioner Per Diems and Expenses as paid. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Prestin to approve miscellaneous bills as paid on Jun 24 & 30 and July 1, 2020 in the combined amount of \$141,012.69. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Moved by Com. Schei, seconded by Com. Cech to approve miscellaneous Board/Committee/Commission Reports be placed on file in the Office of the County Clerk. Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

New Business (discussion only)

Personnel Items:

- a. None.

Building and Grounds/Parks Items:

- a. Sealcoating & Restriping Quotes. – Our current budget has \$6,000 budgeted for seal coating of the County Parking lots. We received 3 bids for the seal coating of the parking lots around the Courthouse/jail. Jim Mekash is recommending that we use Draze Sealcoating. Discussion ensued on the need for the higher end bid because of the crack sealing aspect of the bid. The consensus of the board is to allow the commissioners to look at the parking lots and bring this item back at the next meeting.
- b. Stump Grinder Quotes. – Administration applied for a Grant from Hannahville Community for a stump grinder to be used at our parks. The grant was approved in the amount of \$6,000. We received 2 quotes for the stump grinder. Jim Mekash is recommending that we go with the cheaper bid from Beaver Machine for the Kubota stump grinder for \$5,700. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for a vote.

Miscellaneous Items:

- a. County Board Meetings – October & December. – Late in April the County Board agreed to have all meetings through September at the Courthouse. County Administrator Carviou would like to continue that through this year (2020). Due to COVID and having the remote connectivity in the courtrooms,

it makes sense to have the meetings in the courthouse. So, if approved, the October and December meetings will also be held in Menominee at the courthouse, not the annex in Stephenson. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for a vote.

- b. Computer Equipment – Additional Purchase Requests. – Because of having to make last minute arrangements for employees to work from home during the COVID pandemic, we’ve seen the need to have more laptops/computer equipment within the County offices that can be mobilized more quickly when needed. Administrator Carviou is asking for an additional \$5,000 for these purchases. There is currently \$3,800 left in the budget for this. The consensus of the board is to bring back a budget amendment for a vote at the next meeting.
- c. Gunnerson Consulting – Work Orders/Invoices/Updates. – Gunnerson Consulting has done a lot of work looking into the Bagley Tower Project. We have work orders, invoices and updates that Administrator Carviou will discuss. We have received \$27,000 in work orders to this point. Jason is recommending that we pay \$10,000 towards these work orders and leave the remaining balance until after they come and present their recommendations at the last Board Meeting in August. The consensus of the board is to follow Jason’s recommendation.

Finance Items:

- a. MAC ~ 2021 Membership Dues. – We received an invoice for the 2021 MAC Dues in the amount of \$5,543.46. Due to this being over the Administrator’s spending authority, the board needs to approve payment to MAC. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward for a vote at the next meeting.
- b. Michigan Municipal League ~ 2021 Membership Dues. – We received an invoice for continuing membership to the MML in the amount of \$970. Discussion on the need for this membership. The consensus of the board is to not pay these membership dues.
- c. CUPPAD Membership Discussion. – The County Board has previously discontinued use of CUPPAD. Discussion of whether we’ll reinstate the use of CUPPAD or not. The consensus of the board is to have Jason look into this a little more and bring it back for discussion at another meeting.
- d. Commissioner Per Diems and expenses – The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.
- e. Miscellaneous bills paid on July 15 & 17, 2020 in the combined amount of \$100,475.84. The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Misc. Boards/Committees/Commissions Reports:

- The consensus of the board is to move this item forward to the next meeting for approval.

Chairman Piche called for public comment

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Comment

- Com. Piche – Commented to say some prayers for Jason, his wife and their new baby that will be born soon

Moved by Com. Hafeman, seconded by Com. Lang to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.
Motion was approved by roll call vote 8-0.

Gerald Piche, Chairman

Marc Kleiman, County Clerk